

**In the Specification**

Please amend the Specification at page 1, lines 1-13, as indicated below.

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/905,161 (8X8S.261PA), entitled “Data Security Apparatus and Method Therefor,” filed on July 12, 2001, to which priority is claimed for common subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/966,713 (Attorney Docket No. 8X8S.265PA), entitled “Distributed Local Telephone Gateway,” filed on September 28, 2001. Additionally, this application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/345,258 (CENT.300P1), entitled “Virtual Telephone Extension,” filed on January 2, 2002, and to concurrently-filed Serial No. 10/041,756 (PX8S.261CIP1), entitled “~~Sensor Controlled Telephone System~~Data Security Apparatus and Method Therefor.” The above-mentioned related applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.